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Abstract: This article tries to clarify the relationship between person-affecting consequentialism and the Parfitian mere addition paradox, responding to a remark made by Giuliano Pontara in our discussion on future generations ethics. It aims to distinguish some versions of the paradox implied by impersonal theories and to specify the version implied by person-affecting theories. This allows a better understanding of the critiques to person-affecting consequentialism based on its intransitivity and alleged incoherence.

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